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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION CITY OF SAN DIEGO					CERTIFICATE NUMBER (FOR AUDITOR'S USE ONLY)	
TO: City Attorney		FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT): City Council District 3			DATE: 03/11/2009	
SUBJECT: Children and Nature Awareness Month						
PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE): Dion Akers, 619-236-6527				SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE):		
COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES						
FUND						
DEPT.						
ORGANIZATION						
OBJECT ACCOUNT						
JOB ORDER						
C.I.P. NUMBER						
AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COST SUMMARY (IF APPLICABLE):						
ROUTING AND APPROVALS						
CONTRIBUTORS/REVIEWERS:		APPROVING AUTHORITY		APPROVAL SIGNATURE		DATE SIGNED
City Attorney		ORIG DEPT.		Fox-Rice, Jamie		3/11/2009
		CFO				
		COO				
		CITY ATTORNEY		<i>[Signature]</i>		3/18/09
		COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OFFICE		<i>[Signature]</i>		3/30/09 SPB
PREPARATION OF:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTIONS		<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> AGREEMENT(S)
						<input type="checkbox"/> DEED(S)
Declaring April 2009 "Children and Nature Month" in the City of San Diego						
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Adopt the resolution						
SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)						
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):		Council Districts 3 and 5				
COMMUNITY AREA(S):		NA				
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:		NA				
CITY CLERK INSTRUCTIONS:		NA				

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

WHEREAS, the Children and Nature Network was created to encourage and support the people and organizations working to reconnect children with nature; and

WHEREAS, the Children and Nature Network provides a critical link between researchers, individuals, educators and organizations dedicated to children's health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, between 1960 and 2004, the percentage of American children classified as overweight increased from 4% to 19%; and

WHEREAS, children today are far less likely than their parents to spend time playing in nature and spend an average of 6.5 hours per day watching TV, playing video games and using computers; and

WHEREAS, when children spend more time outside and in nature their level of stress decreases and their physical activity, self-confidence and ability to focus increase; and

WHEREAS, adults who have had frequent childhood experiences in nature visit nature more frequently as adults and view it more positively; and

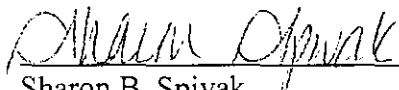
WHEREAS, San Diego is blessed with canyons, rivers, creeks, wetlands and beaches that are home to an extraordinary variety of plants and animals, and San Diego children deserve to experience their wonder and beauty directly; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby commend the Children and Nature Network for its continued work to reconnect children with nature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 2009, be and is hereby proclaimed to be,
"CHILDREN AND NATURE AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By


Sharon B. Spivak
Deputy City Attorney

SBS:amt
03/12/09
Or.Dept:Council-Gloria
R-2009-952

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor